(b) what are the reasons for not modernising these airports and replacing the out-dated equipment;

(c) whether Government have assessed loss suffered by it as a result of it, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to remove the deficiencies at these airports in a phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There are no airports functioning with out-dated equipments;

(b) and (d) Modernisation of navigational and other equipment at domestic airports by replacing old equipments with new ones or by adding new equipments, is a continuous process and is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and the land.

Site for new airport in Bangalore

749. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 222 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25-11-91 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to find out an alternative airport near Bangalore has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-operational airports in Karnataka

750. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports in Karnataka and how many of them are not operating air services; and

(b) what are the details of such airports and what are the reasons for not operating them particularly the Hubli Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 18 aerodromes in Karnataka out of which 16 are not operating air services.

(b) Details of the aerodromes are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below)

The reasons for not operating air services from 16 aerodromes are shortage of aircraft capacity with the Vayudoot Ltd., non-availability of infrastructure, economic viability and passenger load etc. So far as Hubli aerodrome is concerned, flight operations cannot take place due to undermention works-in-progress:—

1. Asphalting and marking of runway.
2. Shifting of H. T. lines in the approach funnel.
3. Chain link fencing around the airfield.